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## A. M. LEINE SUFFERS BY FIRE

Druggist Loss About \$7,000—Stock Ruined — Erk Bros. Again Losers—W. H. Varcoe Flooded — Fourth Time From Broken Hydrant.

Honesdale experienced another fire early Tuesday morning which entailed a loss for Arthur M. Leine, druggist, of about \$7,000. He carried a heavy stock, inventorying at \$12,000, and the fixtures were valued at \$2,000. Insurance was carried in the local companies amounting to \$7,800; \$6,000 on stock and \$1,800 on fixtures.

The fire was discovered at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning by Mrs. John M. Archer, who got up to care for the children. Smelling a strong odor of smoke, Mrs. Archer made a thorough inspection of her home and falling to discover fire in their apartments, looked out the window and remarked to her husband that Baumann's building was on fire. Mr. Archer sprang from his bed, ran down stairs to C. M. Betz's store and sent in the alarm. Mr. Archer was among the first to lend a helping hand. Hose Company No. 1 truck was soon on the scene and had two streams playing on the fire. They were followed by Protection Engine No. 3, which was placed at Farnham's bridge. Texas No. 4 and the Alert Hook and Ladder companies were close seconds.

The fire was confined to Druggist Leine's Sixth street store, and was an exceedingly hard fire to fight owing to the very strong smoke. The boys, however, did valiant work and deserve considerable praise for confining it to the upper side of the building. There is only a wooden partition between that part occupied by Druggist Leine and the second floor of Erk Bros' store, being quarters they fire in the Keystone block March 2 last. The fire was a stubborn one. The flames did not break through the roof at any time, it being held in check by several streams of water in the hands of our heroic firemen. Holes were chopped in the roof and water was poured in between the ceiling of the second floor and the air chamber which resulted in quenching the flames.

Texas No. 4 Chemical company did excellent work on the south side apartment of the building, thereby saving to a great extent Erk Bros' new large stock of building material and hardware. Four inches of water were on the second floor and the basement was flooded. Goods on the first floor were also damaged. Mr. Erk estimates his damage between \$600 and \$700.

The origin of the fire is not known. From appearances it caught at the rear of the store downstairs and the flames worked their way to the second floor through the stairway. The contents of the first floor are practically ruined. From the second floor the flames ate their way to the roof, but did not break through. Mr. Leine said there was no fire in the store for two days. He told a Citizen representative Tuesday morning that the place had not been rewired since the installation of electric light fifteen years ago. There is a possibility that it might have come from defective wires.

Druggist Leine carried a large stock in his downstairs store, operating two stores. All goods were delivered to the new burned store where they were kept in stock and orders for the Seventh street store were replenished therefrom. The store is now boarded up and the contents will be allowed to dry out before any will be removed to the second floor of the Seventh street store so he can tell what may be saved.

Edward Deltzer received about a foot of water in his shoe store cellar, but no goods were damaged.

Chris. Lowe also had water in his basement.

A little water penetrated the cellar of the John Loercher Estate building.

W. H. Varcoe, printer, undoubtedly suffered a loss by water as much as any merchant on Main street outside of the fire district. Mr. Varcoe's loss was caused by a defective fire hydrant at the corner of Main and Seventh streets. The plug, it is claimed, was not fixed since Erk Bros' fire when Mr. Varcoe experienced a like flood. Water and mud worked its way through the ground and into the cellar of the Varcoe Printing establishment, doing considerable damage and inconveniencing the company from work. Mr. Varcoe told a representative of this paper Tuesday morning that this fire was his fourth experience at being flooded and he thought that this one was about the last straw. Mr. Varcoe estimates his damage and loss at \$250.

## GRACE EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE.

Sunday School Institute at Grace Church, Honesdale.

An Institute was held under the auspices of the Sunday School Commission of the Diocese of Bethlehem, at Grace church, Honesdale, Pa., Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18, which for excellence of instruction and moral effect is rarely surpassed.

On Friday evening Mrs. John Loman, Field Secretary for Elementary work in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, spoke feelingly and practically on "Religion in the Home"; and in the address of Principal M. Alton Richards of the Central High school, South Bethlehem, there was the same note of earnest practicality. On Saturday morning Mrs. Loman gave an address on "The Value of Illustrations (Stories, Pictures, etc.) in Sunday School Teaching," and Principal Richards gave a lecture on Hand Work in the Sunday School, using a helpful syllabus and showing and explaining a very unique series of models, mounted and colored drawings and cut out figures, etc., which displayed great originality and ingenuity on his part. His deftness in craftsmanship stands him in good stead in his making of models. He very generously left syllabi and models with the teachers in attendance.

In the afternoon Mrs. Loman gave one of her inimitable talks on the catechism, whereby it was made to live, and the teachers were shown how it might be made a living instead of a dead language. The institute was closed by an address by the Rev. Steward U. Mitman, Ph. D., President of the Sunday School Commission of the Diocese of Bethlehem and Department Secretary of the General Board of Religious Education of the Church in the United States, who spoke along general and inspirational lines. Dr. Mitman, remaining till the next day, gave at the morning service a scholarly address on "The Permanent Value of the Bible," which clearly brought out the superiority of the Sacred Scriptures over any other literature, and in which the prophecy was impressively made that the Bible instead of having survived its usefulness, and at the beginning of a period in which it would certainly become better known and understood than ever before.

## JUDGE INSPECTS SCHOOL BUILDING.

Hon. A. T. Searle, of Wayne County, Visited the High School, Highly Complimented the Local District.

Judge A. T. Searle, of the Wayne county court, who was here on the bench last week, took occasion during his stay here to visit the new Stroudsburg High school building, having been escorted there by N. A. Frantz, manager of the Record, and shown through the building by the accommodating janitor, J. S. Sluter.

His Honor was delighted with the building in its entirety and the general arrangement of the same. He complimented the school board on the excellent judgment that had been exercised in the plans and believed that it was one of the best buildings for the money he had visited. The Judge is interested in the public school system, as a man in his official position might be expected to be, and therefore, his estimate placed on the new structure, the pride of the people of the Borough of Stroudsburg, will be pleasing to them. The Judge is making more and more friends with each succeeding visit to the Monroe county seat. —Monroe Record.

## Wayne County Medical Society Meets

On Thursday afternoon the Wayne County Medical Society met at Hotel Allen in regular annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the coming year but owing to the absence of the nominating committee the election was postponed until July.

Those present were: Dr. Rodman, Hawley; Dr. Catterall, Hawley; Dr. Lobb, Hawley; Dr. Mullen, Hamilton; Dr. Smith, Shohola; Dr. McConville, Dr. Powell, and Dr. Neilsen, of Honesdale; Dr. VanSickel, of Olyphant.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rodman, of Hawley, and much routine business was transacted. Dr. VanSickel, the Councillor of the Medical Society of Pennsylvania gave a brief talk on the state and county medical society and their relation to the general practitioner.

## POST OFFICE TO OCCUPY CITY HALL AUG. 1

This is the Intention of the Government—Proposal May be Signed by Council in a Few Days—Lease When Inspector Arrives—Town to Receive \$1,000 Rent Per Year—Committee on Changes Active.

That the postoffice will be located in the City Hall appears to be almost a certainty. The town council met with Postmaster M. B. Allen on Monday evening of this week to further discuss the proposition and take steps toward filling out a proposal and signing a lease, which in all events will be done shortly.

Postmaster Allen sent the floor plans prepared by Architect H. F. Weaver to the postoffice inspector of this district and they met with his entire approval. The city hall affords 25 per cent. additional floor space over the present location of the postoffice. When the Federal office will have been transferred to the city hall a rental of \$1,000 per year will be paid to the town, whereas now not a cent is received from the building.

Architect Weaver was present at the special meeting and estimated that the cost, including the changing of the vault, could be kept down to \$2,000. The greater part of the work would be confined to the front, where the brick partition would necessarily have to be removed, and the vault taken out, said Mr. Weaver. It would require three weeks to get the building in shape.

Postmaster Allen stated that the

## WILL STATE AID BE GIVEN?

McCarty and Penwarden in Harrisburg Soliciting State Aid for Honesdale Streets.

Borough Solicitor C. A. McCarty and George W. Penwarden, chairman of the street committee for the borough of Honesdale, left via Delaware and Hudson 6:55 train Monday morning for Harrisburg, where they held a conference with State Highway Commissioner Bigelow Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The town officials went to the State Capitol in reply to a communication received from Mr. Bigelow last week concerning receiving possible State aid to apply toward the proposed paving of Main street as recommended by the Greater Honesdale Board of Trade.

Outside of general information, which the committee was versed upon, it took to Harrisburg a copy of The Citizen of May 15, which contained a complete and concise report of town council's special meeting at which time the matter of paving Main street was discussed in detail. The article told of the approximate cost, proposed width of street, cost per square yard, measurements, in fact everything that the committee desired to know about the proposition was told in the article.

The borough fathers evidently place considerable reliance in what appears in The Citizen, otherwise they would not use it to present matters in detail to the highest State Highway official. Read The Citizen for accurate news. Subscribe now.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Prof. R. T. Davies and class in Agriculture, consisting of 21 pupils, recently visited the farms of T. B. Clark, A. W. Eno and Fred J. Avery for a knowledge of the practical end of their study. T. B. Clark's farm was first visited. The class found him and his men busily engaged in setting out an orchard of 1,000 yearling apple trees. The method pursued being the most modern and satisfactory,—dynamite being the agency employed to dig the holes.

## HOT POLITICAL FIGHT IN OHIO

Both Taft and Roosevelt Followers Claim Delegates—Heavy Vote Throughout State Today.

(Special to The Citizen.) Columbus, Ohio, May 21.—A heavy vote is being polled in the state today. Both Roosevelt and Taft followers are claiming the 48 delegates. The fight is a hot one. The polls opened at 5:30 a. m. and will close at 5:30 this afternoon.

## FIRE WRECKS BUILDING

Gas Plays Havoc in Wilkes-Barre Store This Afternoon—Six Injured.

(Special to The Citizen.) Wilkes-Barre, May 21.—A terrific explosion wrecked and set fire to the Bennett building occupied by Benesch Bros., furniture dealers shortly after noon today. The building was soon in flames. Six persons were injured. The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the large display window of the store. Madeline Lyons, aged 12 years, was standing in front of the store when the explosion occurred. She was hurled across the street at a distance of 30 feet and was badly injured. She was removed to the hospital.

Martin Freeman was also badly bruised and cut about his person. He was also removed to the hospital. The walls of the building fell shortly after 1 o'clock. One fireman was injured by the tumbling bricks. He was rescued but is in an unconscious condition in the hospital.

Four other explosions followed the first. It is feared that adjoining buildings will burn. A general fire alarm was sent in.

## EXECUTE RICHESON.

Minister Electrocuted This Morning For Avis Linnell's Murder.

Boston, May 21.—Clarence V. T. Richeson, the slayer of Avis Linnell, died in the electric chair at 12:17 o'clock this morning. The former clergyman awaited death impatiently throughout. He ate almost nothing and did not attempt to sleep between nightfall and the hour of his doom.

He was attended constantly by Chaplain Herbert W. Stebbins and the Rev. Herbert S. Johnson. The voice of the man about to die rang through the small chamber of the condemned as he sang his favorite hymn in unison with his spiritual advisers.

## FARMER LOSSES LEG, WILL PROBABLY DIE

(Special to The Citizen.)

Clarks Summit, May 21.—Elmer Brighton, aged 43 years, a farmer, while crossing the Lackawanna tracks here today, was struck by a freight train. His right leg was amputated by the wheels of the cars. He will probably die.

## POST OFFICE ROBBED.

Dynamited Safe and Secured \$1,000.

(Special to The Citizen.) Wheeling, W. Va., May 21.—Robbers entered the postoffice at St. Clarksville, near here, and blew up the safe with dynamite early this morning. Several thousand stamps and \$1,000 in cash was secured.

## SPORTING NOTES.

The Texas No. 4 base ball team journeyed to Aldenville on Saturday and defeated their crack (?) team by the score of 9 to 4. Aldenville had their star battery on the job, too. Gregor and Shields, Gregor being hit pretty hard. Mauer and Carr did the twirling for the No. 4 boys. This same Aldenville team claimed they could beat the Honesdale regular team last year, although they never tried it.

Gregor pitched for the G. C. club Sunday against the No. 4 team and beat them 9 to 7 in ten innings.

## PORT IMPROVEMENTS

Federal Appropriation \$1,500,000—Republican Pledge of Support.

Philadelphia, May 21. "An increase of \$500,000 has been made to the \$1,000,000 already appropriated by the House for the Delaware River channel, in the Senate Commerce Committee's report of the rivers and harbors appropriation bill. This total of \$1,500,000 is the largest sum ever set aside in the annual appropriation for this project. It was granted at the insistent request of the commercial interests that improvements be rushed to completion to meet the growing demands of the port."—Washington Dispatch.

"We pledge immediate State appropriations for the improvement of the Delaware River and the Port of Philadelphia."—Platform Republican Convention.

"The Fabre Steamship Line, realizing the facilities to be had at the Port of Philadelphia, and cognizant of the big commercial possibilities of Pennsylvania through further development of its home port, will in the near future establish a regular line between Philadelphia and Naples."—H. E. Jones, New York manager of the Fabre Steamship Line.

These three developments, coming within a period of two days, and representing as they do, one the attitude of a foreign steamship company, the other the united opinion and purpose of progressive, public-spirited men from all parts of the State, and the third reflecting the co-operative spirit of Congress, illustrate the determination with which the various factors are uniting to give to Pennsylvania an unhindered expansion of its port at Philadelphia.

These conditions, materially strengthened by the announcement that the city of Philadelphia will soon take steps to recover piers and port facilities that have long been under private control, are a boon to commercial interests not only in Philadelphia, but throughout every other part of the state.

Director Norris, of the Department of Wharves and Docks, has forcefully pointed out that such private ownership of port accommodations has been one of the great evils of the past, and that in the struggle of individuals and corporations for control of the port has suffered to the extent of being denied its natural expansion.

The announcement of another new steamship line for Philadelphia is one of the direct results of Mayor Blankenburg's recent letters to fifty-five foreign steamship companies, calling attention to the advantages of the Port of Philadelphia. Replies thus far received indicate that other companies will follow the example of the Fabre Line in the near future.

## Republican Party Pledge.

Probably the strongest assurance of future port development, however, is that contained in the platform adopted by the State Convention of the Republican party at Harrisburg on Wednesday, pledging the party, and therefore its members in the next session of the Legislature, to large state appropriations for port purposes.

In the question of whether or not Pennsylvania is to have its full share of foreign trade in the future, and especially of that increased ocean-going traffic between Atlantic and Pacific ports that will result from the opening of the Panama Canal, much has depended upon the attitude of the State's lawmakers.

The adoption by the Republican convention of a plank which binds that party to aid in the further expansion of the Port of Philadelphia looked upon as a certain forerunner of similar action by the Democratic convention, so that no matter what the political complexion of the next Legislature may be, business and commercial interests in all parts of Pennsylvania are virtually assured the port facilities which are necessary to a larger foreign and Pacific coast trade.

Shipbuilding plants which have long been handicapped by foreign competition, but which now look forward to renewed activity because of the demand that will be created by the Panama Canal trade for American-built vessels, regard this advance legislative pledge as the real foundation for the business and commercial expansion which will make additional ships necessary and thereby extend prosperity into new fields.

The prediction made by Director Norris when he accepted the directorship of the Department of Wharves and Docks, that Pennsylvania as a whole would willingly cooperate with Philadelphia in the development of the port when it was fully appreciated what such a program would mean to all the people in the State, is being fulfilled; and the result of months of tireless work by the Director and Mayor Blankenburg is gradually showing in the tacit alliance of City, State, Federal and even foreign, support for the projects of port expansion.

## E. W. Gammell Disposes of Four Machines.

E. W. Gammell did a flourishing automobile business last week. Four machines were sold to as many enterprising and progressive farmers. The cars were sold to the following gentlemen: Otto Douglass, Tanners Falls, Ford runabout. Michael F. Crammins, Dyberry, Ford runabout. D. O. Chamberlain, Orson, Ford roadster. Wesley Bates, Dyberry, Brush runabout.

## JOHN KERL A HERO

Rescues Miss Elizabeth Stegner From Drowning—Receives Reward From Family.

John Kerl proved himself the hero of the day last Tuesday when he rescued Miss Elizabeth Stegner of 332 Grove street from the rushing waters of the Lackawanna river. Miss Stegner was crossing the river over a footbridge, which had been recently built opposite Florence silk mill, where she is employed. She and other young women and men were returning to their respective homes for dinner when the accident occurred. The railing had not been placed on the bridge and Miss Stegner became dizzy and consequently fell into the river.

John Kerl, who saw Miss Stegner fall, ran down the stream about a hundred feet, waded out in the river and rescued her from drowning. Miss Stegner's only injury was a bruised knee, which came in contact with a rock in the river bed when she fell. She was removed to her home on Grove street.

Mr. Kerl has since received \$10 in money which was accompanied by an excellent letter of gratitude and thanks from the family of Miss Stegner.

## LAST MEMBER OF THE GRENNELL FAMILY DEAD.

Myron G. Grennell, a Former Resident Died in Geneva, N. Y., on Monday.

Myron G. Grennell died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Shepardson, in Geneva, N. Y., on Monday, May 13. The funeral services were held on Thursday. The deceased was about seventy-eight years of age. His early life was passed at his birthplace in Clinton, subsequently removing to the State of Delaware.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters. He will be remembered by many who knew him during the time he was a resident of our city.

He was the last member of the Grennell family, who were prominent and respected residents of Clinton, Wayne county, being among the early settlers of that place.

His great-grandfather, Michael, a Revolutionary soldier, was in his one hundred and sixth year at the time of his death. His grandfather, Deacon Rufus Grennell, lived to over eighty. His father was Virgil Grennell, who also was a resident of Clinton for many years, being honored in filling the offices of associate judge and treasurer of Wayne county; also other positions of trust.

These progenitors, as also the deceased, were active and influential members of the Baptist denomination.—Carbondale Leader.

## TROUBLE ON LADYWOOD LANE.

On Monday afternoon William Roberts was brought before Squire Ham to answer charges preferred against him by Mrs. Lillie Gillette, of River street. Roberts was released on \$100 bond to keep the peace but on Monday evening Mrs. Gillette withdrew the charge and William was consequently released from bond and was dismissed after paying the costs which amounted to \$3. A disturbance at the home of Mrs. Gillette on Saturday night, where considerable gun play was in progress, called Officer Canivan to the scene. The affair promised to be somewhat melodramatic and serious results were probably prevented by the appearance of Officer Canivan who lodged Roberts in jail. By the withdrawing of the charge the case was dropped, but how about the future safety of citizens? This sort of thing ought to be stopped once and for all and the proper authorities should go deeper into the matter for the common welfare of the taxpayers of both Honesdale and Texas.

## Death of Robert Horton.

Robert Johnson Horton died at the home of Mrs. Emma Secor on Sunday morning, May 19, at about half past eight o'clock, after a long illness, which he bore patiently and uncomplainingly.

He was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., on July 1, 1857. For many years before his recent illness he was manager of the American Union Telephone Company at Gettysburg, Pa., and later was transferred to Hagerstown, Md., where he was forced to give up his position on account of failing health. During his stay in Honesdale he made many friends here who deeply regret his untimely death. He was a most exemplary young man of sterling habits.

He was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Secor on May 18, 1911. He is survived by his wife of this place; his father, Lewis Horton, of Philadelphia; one brother, Charles S. Horton, of Ephrata, and one sister, Viola Horton of Holler, Long Island. The funeral services will be held on Wednesday and will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Swift at the Secor home at 10 o'clock a. m. The funeral will be private for only the immediate relatives and friends.